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DIVISION OF MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 2005

TO: Alan Bullard
Cathleen Newbanks
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FROM: Stephen H. Norris
Deputy Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Prescription Drugs

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide follow-up to my memo of August 30, 2005, regarding short-term funding assistance for prescription drugs for TennCare Eligible individuals who are state-funded by the Division of Mental Retardation Services and who are adults (age 21 and older).

In previous memos, it was announced that for dates of service from August 1, 2005, through November 30, 2005, the Division of Mental Retardation Services would provide limited state funding for medications in accordance with certain guidelines. The period for which this state funding will be available has been extended to include dates of service from **December 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005**, when provided in accordance with the guidelines announced in the memo of August 30, 2005.

This reimbursement for drugs will be available only for adult (age 21 and older) TennCare Eligible individuals who are state-funded by DMRS and who are not enrolled in one of the Home and Community Based Services waiver programs ("Statewide" waiver, "Arlington" waiver, "Self-Determination" waiver).

If you have any questions, please contact Louis Moore, M.D., Medical Director for Policy and Governmental Relations, at (615) 741-6632.

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